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Applicant has reviewed the Office Action dated as mailed August 17, 2000.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a one-month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action, thereby moving the deadline for response from November 17, 2000 to December 17, 2000.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

2.[Amended] A method comprising:

modulating the transparency of an image of an object as a function of an angle of incidence of a vector normal to a viewing surface at the surface of the object [The method of claim 1], wherein the function comprises a cosine function.

3.[Amended] A method comprisin

modulating the transparency of an image of an object as a function of an angle of incidence of a vector normal to a viewing surface at the surface of the object [The method of

claim 1], wherein the function comprises a linear function.

4.[Amended] A method comprising:

modulating the transparency of an image of an object as a function of an angle of incidence of a vector normal to a viewing surface at the surface of the object[The method of claim 1], wherein the function comprises a non-linear function. claim 1], wherein the function comprises a non-linear function.